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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, MRS. JOAN), UR

SUBJECT:TRAVEL BY MRS. WALTER MONDALE TO LENINGRAD,
DEC 7-8

1. WIFE OF VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. JOAN MONDALE, IS PLANNING
TO VISIT LENINGRAD FOLLOWING HER PARTICIPATION IN THE
CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF FINNISH
INDEPENDENCE IN HELSINKI. MRS. MONDALE, WHO WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY HER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, MRS. BESS ABELL,
AND HER SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MRS. KATHRYN HIGGINS-BERGWALL,
PLANS TO ARRIVE LENINGRAD FROM HELSINKI ON WEDNESDAY,
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DECEMBER 7 AT 8:50 P.M. VIA AEROFLOT 632 AND DEPART FOR
HELSINKI THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 4:55 P.M. VIA FINNAIR 713.
SHE WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS.

2. THIS IS A PRIVATE VISIT BY MRS. MONDALE, THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO SEE THE HERMITAGE COLLECTION
AND OTHER ART TREASURES OF LENINGRAD. NO ADVANCE PUBLICITY

IS PLANNED OR DESIRED.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY IS BEING INFORMED OF VISIT. EMBASSY
MAY INFORM MFA AND CONGEN MAY INFORM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

4. FOR LENINGRAD: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE
DESIRABLE IF MRS. MONDALE AND SOME OF HER PARTY COULD
STAY AT CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. CONSUL GENERAL SHOULD
MEET AND ACCOMPANY. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ASAP ANY SUG-
GESTIONS FROM CONGEN ON PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE. VANCE

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